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Warnke drops IPS

One of the more prominent members of what the leftist Institute for Policy Studies called a "high-level" U.S. delegation to a private U.S.-Soviet disarmament conference has bowed out. IPS had listed Paul Warnke, a former U.S. strategic arms negotiator who is now a Washington attorney, as a participant at the Sept. 4-10 conference in San Francisco. But a spokesman for Mr. Warnke has advised the IPS not to tell the press that Mr. Warnke will be attending.

Among the Americans expected to attend are Massachusetts Institute of Technology professors Jerome B. Wiesner and George Rathjins, Betty Bumpers of the leftist disarmament group Peace Links, and Adam Hochschild of the radical magazine Mother Jones.

For the Soviet side, Georgi Arbatov, a veteran Soviet Communist Party Central Committee member, and former Soviet military intelligence general Mikhail Milsteyn will argue the Soviet position in closed-door sessions.

Angolan muscle

Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos is determined to prevent Gen. Jonas Savimbi's anti-Marxist UNITA guerrilla forces from staging an embarrassing raid on the capital, Luanda, during next week's Non-Aligned Ministerial Conference. Soviet and East German advisers have instituted tight security in the capital, and a preemptive strike against Mr. Savimbi's strongholds is about to get under way. Intelligence sources in Luanda confirm that a 40,000-man strike force, specially trained by Soviet and Cuban officers to carry out rapid, deep offensive strikes, will go into action against UNITA. A 25,000-man Cuban force also is reportedly being beefed up. These forces will be supported by heavily armed Soviet MI-24 "HIND" helicopter gunships and a newly formed Angolan commando unit modeled after the Soviet "SPETSNAZ" forces. Meanwhile, Gen. Savimbi is wondering what, if anything, Congress' repeal of the Clark Amendment (which banned American aid to UNITA) will mean to his situation.

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